

TRICARE BENEFICIARY BULLETIN – APRIL 5, 2012 – 517 WORDS

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THIS IS THE TRICARE BENEFICIARY BULLETIN, AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST NEWS TO HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST USE OF YOUR TRICARE BENEFIT. I'M AUSTIN CAMACHO. (:10)

FIRST UP: LORRAINE CWIEKA REPORTS ON HOW TRICARE MAKES MOVING EASY.

MILITARY FAMILIES ARE ACCUSTOMED TO CHANGE. BUT ONE THING STAYS THE SAME – THEIR TRICARE COVERAGE. TRICARE REMINDS ALL BENEFICIARIES THAT NO MATTER WHAT TRICARE PROGRAM THEY'RE ENROLLED IN, THEIR BENEFIT IS PORTABLE, MAKING IT EASY TO TRANSFER COVERAGE.

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND ACTIVE DUTY FAMILY MEMBERS MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION CAN TRANSFER THEIR

TRICARE PRIME ENROLLMENT WITH A SIMPLE PHONE CALL TO THEIR CURRENT REGIONAL HEALTHCARE CONTRACTOR, ADDING CONVENIENCE FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. VISIT TRICARE.MIL/CONTACTS FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF PHONE NUMBERS AND LINKS TO THE REGIONAL CONTRACTORS.

ENROLLMENT TRANSFERS INCLUDE THE SELECTION OF A NEW PRIMARY CARE MANAGER BEST SUITED FOR THE SERVICE MEMBER'S NEW LOCATION OF WORK, HOME AND ANTICIPATED MEDICAL NEEDS. THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE EVEN FOR THOSE MOVING WITHIN THE SAME REGION.

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT COVERAGE DURING THEIR TRANSFER. THEY ARE CONTINUOUSLY COVERED UNDER TRICARE.

THIS NEW WAY OF TRANSFERRING ENROLLMENT SHOULD MAKE A SMOOTHER TRANSITION FOR MOVING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TRANSFERRING PRIME ENROLLMENT,
GO TO: TRICARE.MIL/MOVING.

FOR TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY, I'M LORRAINE CWIEKA.

TRICARE BENEFICIARIES WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR
HEALTH CARE PLAN AND HOW IT WORKS CAN GET SHORT,
RELEVANT TIPS ONCE A MONTH WITH TRICARE TV.

TRICARE TV BEGAN AS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO TRICARE'S
SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRAM. THE VIDEOS ARE SHORT AND EASY TO
FOLLOW, RANGING IN LENGTH FROM TWO-TO-FOUR MINUTES.

TRICARE IS ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES INCLUDING YOUTUBE,
FACEBOOK AND TWITTER. TRICARE TV JOINS THE SOCIAL MEDIA
PROGRAM AND ANOTHER ELECTRONIC OPTION – THE WEEKLY
AWARD-WINNING BENEFICIARY BULLETIN PODCAST. TOGETHER,
THEY ALL PROVIDE BENEFICIARIES TIMELY UPDATES ON TRICARE
BENEFITS IN A VARIETY OF CONVENIENT FORMATS.

TO VIEW TRICARE TV, BENEFICIARIES CAN VISIT TRICARE'S
YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/TRICAREHEALTH OR
TRICARE.MIL/MEDIACENTER. YOU CAN ALSO SUBSCRIBE TO GET E-
ALERTS WHEN A NEW EPISODE IS POSTED BY VISITING
TRICARE.MIL/SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CLICKING THE E-MAIL LINK.

FINALLY: ANNEMARIE FELICIO REPORTS ON ENROLLING YOUR
NEWBORN FOR TRICARE COVERAGE.

TRICARE OFFERS A VARIETY OF HEALTH PLANS THAT SEEK TO
PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY OF CARE FOR PARENTS AND THEIR
BABIES. HOWEVER, IF CHILDREN ARE NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED IN
THE DEFENSE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM OR
DEERS, THEY RISK LOSING THEIR TRICARE BENEFITS. PARENTS NEED
TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN IN DEERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR
THE BENEFIT PROCESS TO WORK AS PLANNED.

NEWBORNS AND ADOPTED CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED IN DEERS BEFORE THEY CAN BE ENROLLED IN ANY TRICARE HEALTH PLAN. PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO KNOW THEIR CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS, BUT THEY NEED TO ADD THE NUMBER IN DEERS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

TO REGISTER THEIR CHILD IN DEERS, PARENTS MUST SUBMIT SEVERAL DOCUMENTS TO THEIR LOCAL MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUING FACILITY. THESE INCLUDE AN ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPY OF THE BABY'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A RECORD OF ADOPTION OR LETTER OF CHILD PLACEMENT AND AN APPLICATION FOR AN ID CARD FOR DEERS ENROLLMENT SIGNED BY THE SPONSOR AND A VERIFYING OFFICIAL.

ONCE A CHILD IS REGISTERED IN DEERS, THE PARENT SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING HEALTH CARE FOR THEIR NEWBORN. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DEERS, VISIT TRICARE.MIL/DEERS.

FOR TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY, I'M ANNEMARIE FELICIO.

AND THAT'S TODAY'S TRICARE BENEFICIARY BULLETIN. WE'LL
HAVE MORE NEWS YOU CAN USE NEXT WEEK. (:03)

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